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**It's time for Vancouverites to face the reality that they won't be able to own a single-family home in the city without drastic change, say experts**

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# East Van bike shop putting 'women first'

BUSINESS

## Female cyclists' needs neglected: Sidesaddle owner

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

When the women at Andrea Smith's office found out she was a bike mechanic, many started frequenting her desk to ask for cycling advice.

Smith realized there was a demand for a more female-friendly bike shop in Vancouver. She decided to open her own store — a "women-first" shop called Sidesaddle that Smith believes will be the first of its kind in Canada when it opens in East Van in June.

"There's no one really focusing on the needs of female cyclists," Smith said Wednesday. "The industry is kind of male dominated. Often there will only be a little corner in the shop of women's products."

Her shop is not about slapping pink on a bicycle and marketing it to women, a tactic used by companies hawking everything from razors to pens, but addressing what Smith said are legitimately different needs.

"Whether it's a basket designed to carry a purse or you need a helmet with a ponytail gap, a male employee might not think that," she said.

But that doesn't mean men aren't invited to the store at the corner of Victoria and Broadway. She's running the shop with business partner Lucas Gallagher, a bike mechanic and racer and cycling advocate, and they hope to create a neighbourhood feel for casual cyclists and those who have been commuting for years. It will sell bikes and gear and include a repair shop.

"In speaking to other shops like this that are thriving in other cities, you end up with a 50-50 gender balance of customers," she said, pointing to stores that cater to women in Portland and Chicago.

"A lot of people appreciate a different vibe."

### BY THE NUMBERS

The business is launching at a time when more women are choosing to cycle in Vancouver. From 2008 to 2011, city data shows the number of women cycling nearly doubled to 41 per cent of trips made by bicycle.

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# LNG deal casts doubt on Liberal election pledges

POLITICS

## Critics say that royalty estimates come up short

**Matt Kieltyka**
Metro | Vancouver

Premier Christy Clark spent the 2013 election campaign touring the province and promising a "Debt Free B.C." off the back of a trillion-dollar Liquefied Natural Gas industry.

Through balanced budgets, controlled spending and — mostly — LNG revenues, the province could eliminate an estimated $62.7 billion in debt, create 100,000 jobs and bring an end to the Provincial Sales Tax, Clark vowed.

On Wednesday, B.C. entered into its first long-term royalty agreement with a proponent, Pacific NorthWest LNG, estimating that the province stands to gain $7.7 billion in royalties over 23 years should the Petronas-led venture go ahead with its project.

Coupled with a tentative project development agreement that compensates Pacific NorthWest LNG for future LNG-related royalty and tax legislation, Clark said the agreements are a huge step toward establishing the industry in B.C.

**Natural gas burns off in the background as Liberal Leader Christy Clark visits the Encana compressor site in Dawson Creek, B.C., in April 2013.** JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"These agreements set the stage for a potential $36-billion investment in northern B.C. that will be a key driver of jobs for people in every corner of our province and really set the stage of a new era of economic activity and a new industry in B.C.," Clark said.

Pacific NorthWest LNG, potentially the biggest capital investment in B.C. history, still needs to make a final investment decision, get through a federal environmental assessment and sign agreements with First Nations before becoming a reality.

Clark said the agreements give the project certainty around costs and regulations and insulates taxpayers from volatile gas prices by effectively setting a "smooth" royalty rate over the 23-year agreement.

However, critics say the deal leans too heavily in favour of Pacific NorthWest LNG and that the estimated royalties come up way short of election promises.

"$8 billion over the next 23 years is not a lot. It's no prosperity fund. That's no debt-free B.C. It's no trillion-dollar industry," said Green Party MLA Andrew Weaver.

"I'm gobsmacked. The winner here is not the average British Columbian; it's the proponent."

NDP LNG critic Bruce Ralston said the province has hamstrung future governments by agreeing to compensate Pacific NorthWest LNG for future legislation that may negatively affect the project, especially if the industry takes a turn for the worse.

"You're stuck," he said. "The long-term effect of a miscalculation can be a very devastating force. That's the danger."

Since the election, Clark has tempered some of her LNG promises around revenues but remains committed to developing the industry.

"Part of it is absolutely the revenue that taxpayers will get directly through the royalty agreement and other taxes that will be paid by the company. But the bulk of it, the bigger bulk of it, are the employment benefits," she said.

The project development agreement still needs to be debated and passed in the Legislature to take effect.

CRIME

## Hunt on for man in death of mom

**Thandi Fletcher**
Metro | Vancouver

Homicide police are searching for a man in connection to the death of his mother in Richmond.

Redelma Belisario, 62, was found dead by a family member just after 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in a home in the 11000 block of Woodhead Road, according to Sgt. Stephanie Ashton of the RCMP's Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT).

**Darwin Lescano**
COURTESY IHIT

Ashton said foul play appears to have been a factor. Police are searching for the victim's 38-year-old son Darwin Lescano, who is believed to be a suspect.

"It is the priority of IHIT to locate Mr. Lescano," Ashton said in a media release. "We are asking that anyone who knows where Mr. Lescano may be or if you see him that you call police immediately — do not approach him."

Lescano is described as five-foot-six, 141 pounds with black hair, brown eyes and a slim build. He may have a shaved head or close-cropped hair.

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The Broadway musical production of Peter Pan featuring Olympic gymnast and actress Cathy Rigby is coming to this year's Fair at the PNE. COURTESY PNE

**NEW THIS YEAR**

- **The Beatles Memorabilia Exhibition** makes its world premiere at the fair's opening day on Aug. 22.
- **Craft Beer Festival,** a new licensed area at the fair, will feature 20 local craft brewers from the Lower Mainland each week for guests to sample.
- **The PNE Donut Dash 5K** on Aug. 23 will see runners re-energized with tasty treats like mini-donuts and cotton candy, while dashing five kilometres across the PNE fairgrounds.
- **Dinosaurs Alive! A Jurassic Experience** will allow visitors to see 13 dinosaurs up close at this new outdoor exhibition.

# Broadway debuts at the PNE

EXHIBITION

## Peter Pan to join diverse entertainment lineup

Thandi Fletcher
Metro | Vancouver

The Pacific National Exhibition is hoping audiences will be hooked when it brings a Broadway production of Peter Pan to the fair this summer.

Mike McDaniel, president and CEO of the PNE, admitted Broadway is "new ground" for the PNE, but he thinks fairgoers of all ages will enjoy seeing the world-renowned production starring Olympic gymnast and actress Cathy Rigby.

"This is new ground for us," McDaniel told Metro following a news conference Wednesday at the PNE announcing this summer's entertainment lineup. "We wanted to offer something that our fairgoers normally wouldn't have a chance to experience."

McDaniel said Peter Pan is not only an iconic story, but also appeals to a variety of audiences.

"The great thing about Peter Pan is that it's a brand that a lot of people recognize," he said. "My kids are five and eight and I say, 'Peter Pan' and they're interested. Their grandparents know Peter Pan. It's pretty cross-demographical and cross-generational."

Tickets to Peter Pan are free with admission to the Fair at the PNE, which runs Aug. 22 to Sept. 7, but reserved seats are also available for $20. Performances run nightly at 7:30 p.m. at the Pacific Coliseum.

Organizers also unveiled a diverse lineup for this year's summer night concerts series that aim to appeal to a variety of musical tastes, from Canadian indie rock heroes Sloan to R&B veterans Boyz II Men and American country star Clint Black.

Daryl Hall and John Oates, The Beach Boys, Daughtry, the New Pornographers, Tom Cochrane with Red Rider, Colbie Caillat & Christina Perri, and Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo are also performing at this year's fair.

While he expects Hall & Oates to be a sold-out show, McDaniel said he also isn't underestimating the loyal fan bases of country music stars like Lee Brice and Brett Kissel, also on the lineup.

Tickets to the summer night concerts are included with admission to the fair, but McDaniel recommended fans purchase reserved tickets if they want a guaranteed seat. Reserved concert tickets range from $20 to $45.

"It's always a popular thing for the fair," he said. "If you want to make sure you can see a show, and you want to know where you're going to sit, buy a reserved seat."

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A view of condos in Yaletown across the Cambie Street Bridge on Tuesday March 12, 2013.
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# Rezone housing for density: Report

REAL ESTATE

## Suburban lifestyle in Vancouver 'not realistic': UDI

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

Stiffer foreign ownership rules would barely make a dent on Vancouver's real estate market, according to the Urban Development Institute.

The most effective way to take pressure off the housing crunch is to increase supply by rezoning neighbourhoods made up of single-family homes, said president Anne McMullin ahead of the institute's annual general meeting that aims to hammer home that point.

"There are 2.5 million people living in this region and only 47,000 single-family homes in Vancouver," McMullin told Metro. "The expectation of having a single-family suburban lifestyle with a yard and garage within walking distance of an urban centre is not realistic. It's a much bigger problem (than foreign ownership)."

Prominent real estate marketer Bob Rennie is slated to give the keynote address at Friday's UDI event and has been making waves during radio interviews this week, telling CBC's The Early Edition that affordability isn't possible without drastic change to neighbourhoods resistant to densification.

"It's going to be with a big broad brush stroke, something as ridiculous as 'zone the city to townhomes,'" Rennie told CBC. "You would be thrown out of political office for taking such a big move but we have to address it logically."

McMullin said those kind of comments elicit "blame the developer" rage while community organizations resist density — in the form of townhomes, condos and laneway houses — and the value of singe-family homes skyrocket.

Vancouver's homeowners have benefitted as much as developers from the hot market, she said.

"We need leadership and bold steps," she said. "We're a changing city and we need to be realistic and community groups need to be accountable, not just say 'I don't want this growth.'"

**47,000**

**The number of single-family homes in Vancouver amid a regional population of 2.5 million.**
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Housing affordability issues in the City of Vancouver, and the region, are nothing new.

McMullin said there is nothing wrong with first-time buyers seeking alternative urban options along transit lines in Richmond, Burnaby and New Westminster and gradually working their way up the market if their goal is to live in Vancouver.

"Anecdotally, people like urban living. They wouldn't be buying if they didn't like it," she said. "The City of Vancouver will always be expensive, but can we create opportunity for more types of housing?"

Meanwhile, McMullin believes people's attitude about density are shifting.

"It's 50/50, I think people are starting to say it because the demand is there," she said. "People see a house that takes up a lot of land and think maybe that's not the best use of this space."

And while it's easy to point the blame on external factors, McMullin said just 2.2 per cent the condo sales Rennie Marketing Systems has been involved with are from foreign buyers.

"It's just a drop in the bucket," she said, a drop that only affects a small portion of the high-end market.

**"We're a changing city and we need to be realistic and community groups need to be accountable, not just say 'I don't want this growth.'**
Anne McMullin, Urban Development Institute

KITSILANO

# Mayor's house sells for nearly $2 million

After just two weeks on the market, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson has sold his Kitsilano home for nearly two million bucks.

The Stephens Street duplex less than a block away from the Point Grey Road bike path sold for more than its listing price of $1,798,000, realtor David Tung posted on his website early this week. The home went to a local buyer for $1,980,000. The Robertsons made approximately $405,000 on the sale.

Robertson and his wife bought the three-bedroom home with a rooftop deck and a hot tub for $1,575,000 in June 2013. The bike path along the nearby "Golden Mile" was approved in July 2013, with Robertson excusing himself from the vote out of caution to avoid the possibility of conflict of interest.

The pair has since split up. The mayor currently rents a condo downtown, but said in interview with Metro last week that he was hunting for a new home. He hasn't decided on a neighbourhood. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

**Mayor Gregor Robertson's Kitsilano home sold for almost $2 million.** MLS.CA

# Bikes vs. transit vs. cars (bikes won)

SHARE THE ROAD CHALLENGE

## Race pits teams against each other to race downtown

**Emily Jackson**
Metro | Vancouver

Bikes and buses defeated cars as the fastest way to get from point A to point B in a race between cyclists, transit users and drivers to Downtown Vancouver during Wednesday morning's rush hour.

Eleven teams competed in the annual Share the Road Challenge to kick off the HUB Bike to Work Week running from May 25 to 31.

Teams of three started from the same location and raced to Georgia and Granville via different modes of transportation, with the time it took to park included in the final results. Cyclists won the majority of the races — although one winner used a combination of cycling and transit — followed closely by transit users with drivers in third place.

Coun. Andrea Reimer took first prize for the City of Vancouver for her crowded, 14-minute trip on the SkyTrain from Commercial Drive. She beat Mayor Gregor Robertson, who was fairly sweaty when he arrived two minutes later after an "exhilarating" bicycle ride. (He put in an "extra oomph" to try to win the race, but got stuck in bike traffic.)

Coun. Kerry Jang placed last with a 22-minute drive in his red convertible.

"It did cost me $5 to park the car and I was stuck in traffic a bit," Jang said. "I really got to soak up the sun and enjoy myself, but it's not a great way of getting around when you have to."

The three politicians said the results point to the need for a 'Yes' vote in the transit referendum ending on May 29.

"Cars are fine if you've got time, but if you've got business to do it's got to be transit," Jang said.

Nearly 50 per cent of all trips made in Vancouver last year were by cycling, walking or transit, according to a city survey of 2,500 residents.

The city's goal is to increase that to two thirds by 2040 in its bid to reduce congestion and encourage active transportation.

So far 41.9 per cent of voters have cast ballots in the Metro Vancouver transit referendum. The city insists it does not have a Plan B for increasing transit if the plebiscite for an extra sales tax fails.

**Kerry Lynn Hamilton from Modacity was the first to arrive at the finish line in the HUB Bike to Work Week Share the Road Challenge on Wednesday.** EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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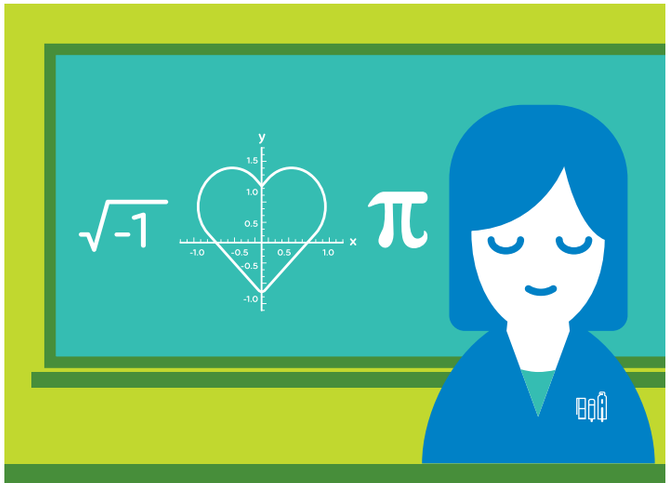


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Potato Needs a Bath is among the 103 shows at various Granville Island venues during this year's Vancouver International Children's Festival. CONTRIBUTED

# Spuds and suds at children's festival

BACKSTAGE PASS

## Event features more than 100 performances

**Graeme McRanor**
For Metro | Vancouver

So there's a show at this year's Vancouver International Children's Festival called Potato Needs a Bath.

I don't honestly know why that one stuck out for me — it's not like I've seen the show, although festival publicity describes it as "a whimsical puppet show (featuring) a charming cast of fruits and veggies."

So there's that. And, hey, I like potatoes: they're versatile, filling and, let's be honest, they're dirty and need to be cleaned.

Also, I love a good title. And Potato Needs a Bath is about as starchy as they come.

Of course, the festival has more than just fruits and veggies on this year's menu. Artists from around the world are slated to perform 103 shows at various venues during its run on Granville Island.

There's comedy, music, puppetry, theatre and circus acrobatics in the mix, including Les Parfait Inconnus (Quebec), Manxmouse (Netherlands), Me on the Map (British Columbia), Big Bad (British Columbia), I Think I Can (Australia) and more.

There's also an Activity Village, which features fun for the whole family, including string games, a photo booth, bicycle spin-art, origami, circus skills — the list goes on.

The Vancouver International Children's Festival takes place May 25-31. More info at ChildrensFestival.ca.

### Good Noise, great program

The Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir teams up with the Vancouver Youth Choir, the Burnaby Central Chamber "A" Choir and the North Surrey Polaris Chamber Choir in RISE UP SINGING! A Youth Choir Extravaganza at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 30 at the Fraserview MB Church.

The inaugural concert also launches the Good Noise VIP Young Artist Program, an initiative that will educate and foster appreciation for gospel music throughout the Lower Mainland via a quartet of projects: performance opportunities for youth choirs, gospel music and solo voice workshops, entrance scholarships for voice majors at colleges and universities and, ultimately, the founding of Western Canada's first community youth gospel choir.

> **The goal of the VIP Young Artist Program is to validate, promote and create opportunities for young people.**
> Gail Suderman, Good Noise's artistic director

"As a former high-school choral instructor, I've witnessed how the tremendous benefits of singing in choir — including improved self-confidence and discipline, coupled with greater focus and drive — can positively impact youth development," says Good Noise's artistic director Gail Suderman. "The goal of the VIP Young Artist Program is to validate, promote and create opportunities for young people in the local community to share their talent and achieve new skills and abilities, while also learning about gospel music and its rich musical history."

Tickets are $25 for adults, $20 for students and seniors and $10 for kids 12 and under. More info at GoodNoiseVGC.com.

## IN BRIEF

**Arrests made in spate of shootings in Surrey**

Metro Vancouver's gang task force has arrested and charged two men believed to be connected to a series of shootings in Surrey.

Eighteen-year-old Chandanjot Singh Gill faces several firearms charges and one count of trafficking, while 21-year-old Munroop Hayer has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**RCMP say case of road rage ends with criminal charges**

Mounties on Vancouver Island have arrested a 37-year-old man over what they say is a case of road rage.

Comox Valley RCMP say criminal charges are pending out of what started as a tailgating incident in Courtenay.

RCMP Const. Don Sinclair says the incident is a reminder of how quickly aggressive driving can escalate into criminal acts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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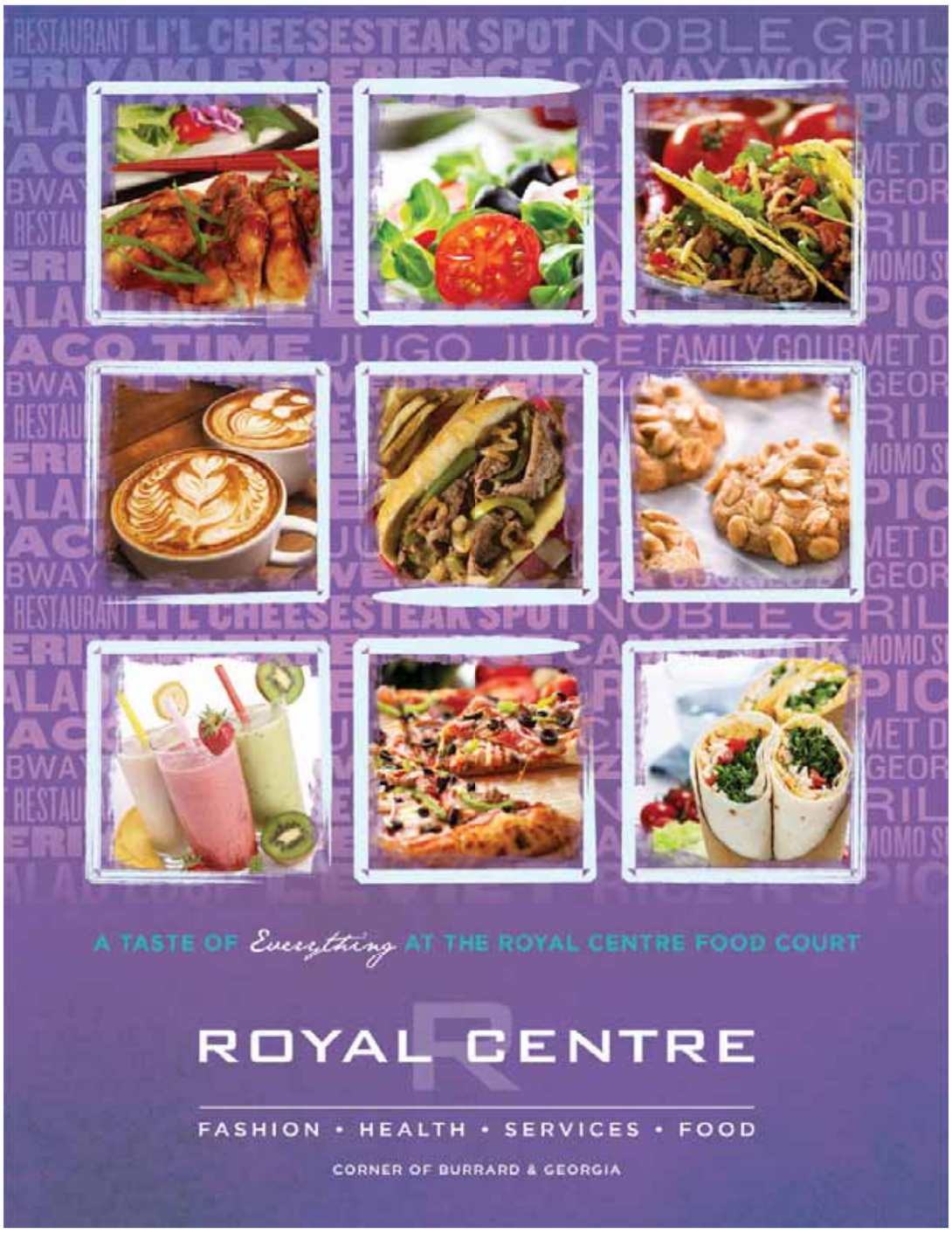
# Lawyer, 95, given honorary doctorate

Sixty-four years after she walked across the stage to collect her law degree, Constance Isherwood was back at the University of British Columbia for yet another ceremony.

The 95-year-old Victoria lawyer received an honorary doctorate of law, recognizing her decades of legal work and service to her community.

As she accepted the recognition Wednesday, she told the crowd that many people ask her when she is going to give up practising and always replies that she'll keep practising until she gets the hang of it.

Isherwood is the most senior practising female lawyer of the B.C. Bar and still runs Holmes and Isherwood, the firm she and her husband opened in 1964. THE CANADIAN PRESS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**Mounties are warning people of the dangers of locking their pets in vehicles during hot summer days.** COLOURBOX.COM

# Don't leave pets in hot cars: RCMP

ANIMAL SAFETY

## Mounties have responded to several calls in recent weeks

**Thandi Fletcher**
Metro | Vancouver

As the mercury rises, Mounties are warning pet owners against the dangers of leaving dogs locked inside vehicles on hot summer days.

Cpl. Richard De Jong of North Vancouver RCMP said police have responded to several calls in recent weeks of dogs found in vehicles that appeared to be in distress.

"Most of them were close to retail shopping areas," De Jong told Metro. "Somebody anticipated that they'd only be gone for a minute or two and it turned into 15 or more minutes."

Despite police issuing the warning every year, De Jong said owners continue to put their dogs in danger.

"Nobody intentionally does this sort of thing, but the picture is worth a thousand words when you see a dog trying to get fresh air through a small crack in a window," he said. "It's unbearably hot in there."

According to the Humane Society, on a 30 C day, the temperature inside a car with windows opened slightly can reach almost 40 C within 10 minutes. After a half hour, the temperature can reach almost 50 C, which can result in irreversible organ damage and death for the animal.

"It doesn't matter if the car is in the shade or if the windows are down a little bit," said De Jong.

De Jong urged dog owners to leave their pets at home if they plan on going shopping.

Fines for failing to provide water and adequate ventilation to an animal are about $100.

Anyone who sees an animal in distress should attempt to provide shade or water for it and, if possible, look for the owner of the car by going to nearby stores. They are also advised to call their local BC SPCA or police department and to wait at the car until an officer arrives.

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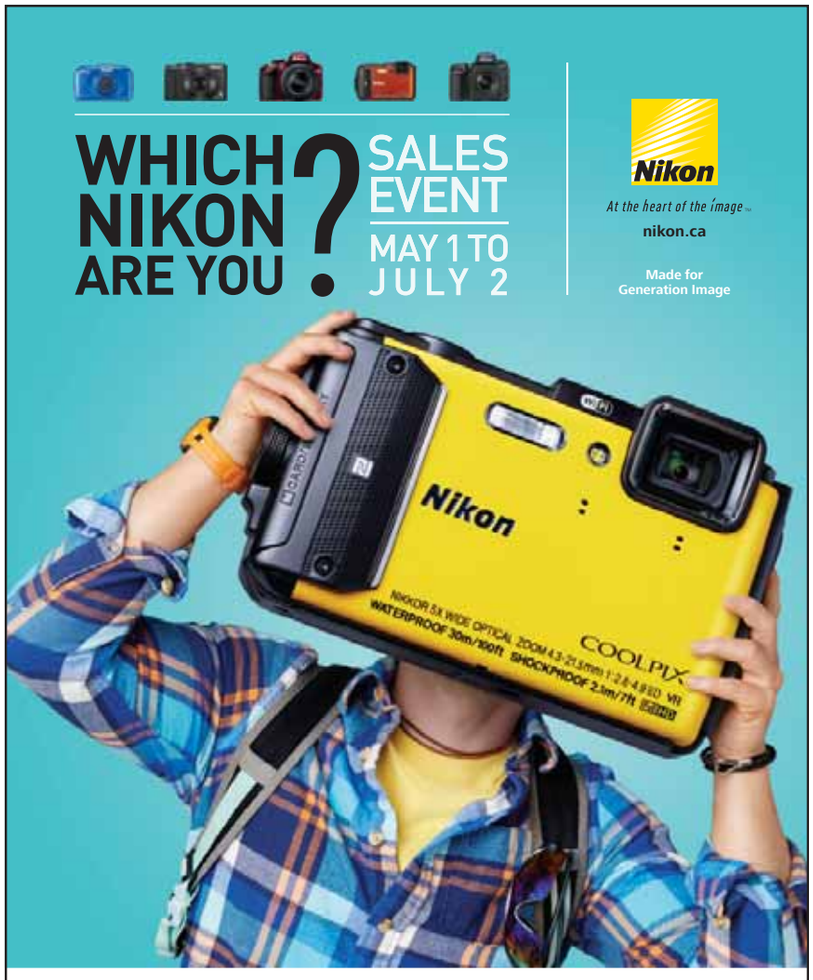


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# Tories OK third election debate

POLITICS

## Ruling party departs from traditional faceoff format

The Conservatives are keeping their grip on the pre-election steering wheel, agreeing to a third national debate — one to be held on Stephen Harper's home turf in Calgary and focused on the economy.

The party announced Wednesday that it has accepted a proposal for a third federal election debate sponsored by the Globe and Mail and Google Canada.

"We look forward to this opportunity for voters to compare our plans to keep the Canadian economy strong to the tax-and-spend plans of the opposition," spokesman Kory Teneycke said in a statement.

Teneycke has said Harper will participate in a total of five debates and has already given the nod to one in August hosted by Maclean's magazine and another by the French language network TVA.

The Conservatives shook up the debate scenario by walking away from negotiations with the consortium of major TV networks that traditionally broadcast the leader faceoffs.

They have emphasized that they would like to participate in debates on different media, since Canadians are consuming current affairs on different platforms. There are also strategic considerations for the Conservatives, who are focused on highlighting the differences between their longtime leader and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau.

A debate on the economy theoretically would favour Harper, who campaigned successfully in 2011 on the message that voters needed to stick with his stable government rather than try something new.

"They want more opportunities for Trudeau to 'shine' in formats he might not be as rehearsed for," former Harper communications director Andrew MacDougall posted to Twitter Wednesday.

So far, the New Democrats have said they are anxious for Leader Tom Mulcair to debate Harper no matter the venue. They have agreed in principle to the three debates Harper has endorsed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**MEDIA**

The consortium is made up of CBC/Radio-Canada, Global and CTV.

MONTREAL

# Education key in fight against jihad recruitment, expert says

In the wake of the arrest of 10 young Montrealers suspected of wanting to join jihadist groups overseas, an expert says more needs to be done to educate and counter the extremist rhetoric some Canadian youth have been eager to embrace.

The 10 were detained last weekend at Montreal's Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport and released without charge, after having their passports seized.

One expert says it's too soon to say if the many arrests in Quebec this year mean the province is a more fertile hotbed for jihad recruitment. Stephane Leman-Langlois, a professor at Université Laval in Quebec City, says what is particular about Quebec is the increased surveillance by authorities since two terror attacks last fall with ties to the province. Another factor may be what he calls an anti-Muslim sentiment in the province.

Educating youth is one key, but so is a clear strategy to fight the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant's online propaganda, says André Gagné, a Concordia University religion professor.

"The best way is to provide a different narrative," said Gagné, who speaks on religious extremism. "We need as a society to give hope to people, to help them find their meaning and their way." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# U.S. unveils seized bin Laden papers

DECLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS

## Include letters to wife, terror applications

During his years in hiding, Osama bin Laden urged followers to concentrate on attacking Americans and wrote bittersweet letters to one of his wives and his children, according to documents released Wednesday by U.S. intelligence officials.

The documents were seized in the al-Qaida leader's compound during the raid in which bin Laden was killed. More than 100 were declassified and published online.

The documents include a fill-in-the-blanks job application for terrorist candidates that ranges from typical questions about education and hobbies to "Do you wish to execute a suicide operation?"

Altogether, the 103 papers and videos add new texture to the world's picture of the mastermind of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, much of it in his own words.

They include videos and images of letters in Arabic, with the English translations by intelligence officials.

The material was recovered in the May 2011 raid on bin Laden's compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence said. It said it was being made public after a rigorous review by government agencies, as required by a 2014 law.

U.S. officials had said at the time of his death that they believed bin Laden had become so isolated in his hideout that he no longer exercised the level of control over al-Qaida operations that he had in the past.

In one letter, bin Laden urges one of his deputies to inform "our brothers" they must keep their focus on fighting Americans. Their "job is to uproot the obnoxious tree by concentrating on its American trunk, and to avoid being occupied with the local security forces," bin Laden writes.

Another bin Laden letter mocks President George W. Bush's "war on terror," saying it had not achieved stability in Iraq or Afghanistan and questioning why U.S. troops were "searching for the lost phantom" — weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

In a video letter to one of his wives he says, "Know that you do fill my heart with love, beautiful memories, and your long suffering of tense situations in order to appease me and be kind to me."

Among the documents is an al-Qaida job application that begins with the mundane, asking applicants to "please write clearly and legibly."

It asks conventional questions, such as has the applicant ever been convicted of a crime, before veering into more chilling territory, including: "What objectives would you like to accomplish on your jihad path?"

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# Irish gear up to vote on gay marriage

HUMAN RIGHTS

## Referendum will be world's first on issue

Gays in Ireland often have faced a stark choice between leading secret lives or emigrating to more liberal lands. This week, the Irish could turn that tradition on its head and vote to legalize same-sex marriage in the world's first national referendum on the matter.

The campaign ahead of Friday's constitutional referendum has featured searing testimonies designed to make the voters of this predominantly Roman Catholic nation look in the mirror.

Members of many of Ireland's most prominent families have come out of the closet in hopes of challenging their neighbours' attitudes to homosexuality.

The contest has pit the waning power of the Catholic Church against the secular-minded government of Prime Minister Enda Kenny.

Gay marriage is legal in 19 countries, including Britain and most of the United States. Three U.S. states used referendums to help enact their laws, but Ireland is the first to hold a nationwide popular vote. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**A gay-rights mural decorates the side of a building in Dublin on April 23.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CRIME

# U.K. police suspect 1,400 of sex abuse

A national U.K. police group looking into potential links between multiple British investigations into past child sex abuse said Wednesday that more than 1,400 suspects have been identified.

The National Police Chiefs' Council, which co-ordinates separate abuse allegations across Britain, said 261 suspects were "people of public prominence." They included 76 politicians, 135 people from TV, film or radio and 43 from the music industry.

Most of the others were said to be offenders who operated inside schools, children's homes and religious bodies. Of the total, 216 are dead.

Norfolk Chief Constable Simon Bailey said the referrals were "increasing on an almost-daily basis." He added that revelations about the scale of abuse by late children's entertainer and charity fundraiser Jimmy Savile "no doubt" had an impact on the unprecedented number of allegations.

An official inquiry is underway looking into whether British public agencies had neglected or covered up abuse allegations from the 1970s. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

**NSA may have to wind down bulk data collection**

The U.S. Justice Department warned lawmakers that the National Security Agency will have to wind down its bulk collection of Americans' phone records by the end of the week if Congress fails to re-authorize the Bush-era Patriot Act.

Faced with the law's expiration on June 1, the department circulated a memo on Wednesday that described the powers that will lapse and the actions NSA will have to take in advance to avoid legal challenges. The House of Representatives has already passed a bill that would change the way phone records are collected. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS


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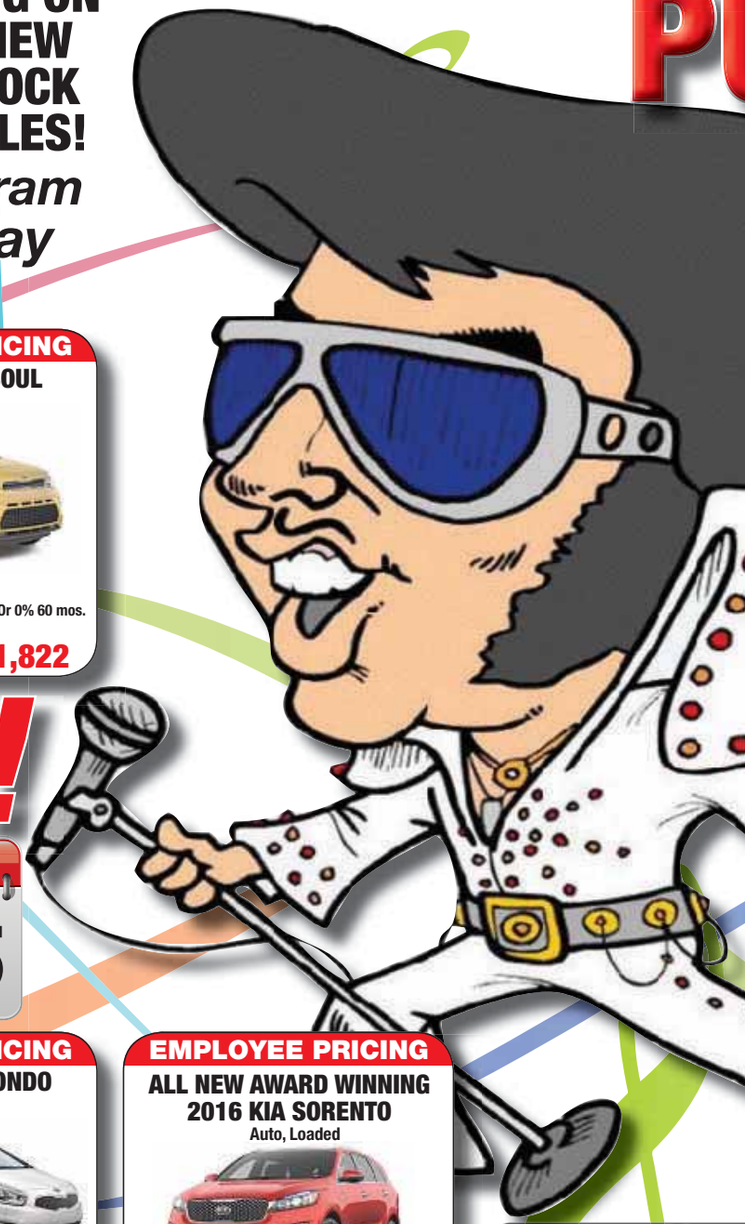

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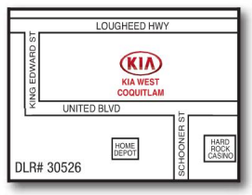


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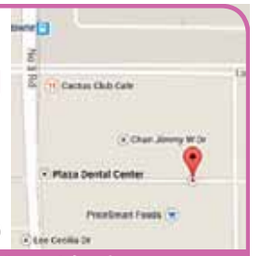


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# Spotify gets into video streaming

ONLINE SERVICES

## Digital music leader goes up against Netflix, Hulu, Amazon

**CEO Daniel Ek announces Spotify's entry into video and original content on Wednesday.** DON EMMERT/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

While asserting it is still a music company at heart, Spotify says it is expanding its lineup to include podcasts, news radio and video streaming.

The company says it wants to help people create a soundtrack for their day that includes not only music but videos, newscasts and other content.

Spotify offers free streaming music and also a premium service for a monthly fee.

Spotify enters a competitive market for video streaming dominated by Netflix, Amazon and Hulu and getting more crowded with the arrival of companies like HBO.

Spotify's service is a "logical extension of the company's success in digital music streaming, since these are complementary businesses that use much of the same technology infrastructure, marketing expertise and vendor relationships," said Paul Verna, senior analyst at research firm eMarketer.

Verna said the manoeuvre suggests Spotify "sees a business opportunity in digital video advertising, which is a much larger and faster-growing sector than Spotify's core business of digital music."

Spotify also has redesigned its site, adding the "Now start page" that aims to provide a continuous, personalized soundtrack to users all day and all night. Over time, Spotify will adapt to users' tastes to play what they like to hear at a certain time of day.

Noticing that millions of users create playlists for running, Spotify is also adding a feature that will detect your tempo once you start running and match the music's beat to it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### LAUNCH

CEO Daniel Ek said the new service launched Wednesday in the U.S., U.K., Germany and Sweden. There's no word yet on a Canadian launch date.

# Banking giants' fines top $5B

A group of global banks will pay more than $5 billion US in penalties and plead guilty to rigging the world's currency market, the first time in more than two decades that major players have admitted to criminal wrongdoing.

JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup, Barclays and The Royal Bank of Scotland conspired to fix rates on U.S. dollars and euros traded in the huge global market for currencies, according to a resolution announced Wednesday between the banks and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ).

A group of currency traders, calling itself The Cartel, allegedly shared customer orders through chat rooms and used that information to profit at the expense of their clients.

The four banks will pay a combined $2.5 billion US in criminal penalties to the DOJ, according to the agreement. The Federal Reserve is slapping them with an additional $1.6 billion US.

British bank Barclays is paying $1.3 billion US to British and U.S. regulators.

Another bank, Switzerland's UBS, has agreed to plead guilty to manipulating key interest rates and will pay a separate criminal penalty of $203 million. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## IN BRIEF

**Protest shuts restaurant near McDonald's HQ**

McDonald's shut down a restaurant near its headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill., Wednesday after the area was swamped by hundreds of protesters calling for pay of $15 US an hour and a union.

The restaurant was closed because of traffic concerns, said Heidi Barker Sa Shekhem, a spokeswoman for McDonald's. The company also told employees in a building targeted by protesters they should work from home, she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**U.S. committee votes to repeal meat labels law**

The U.S. House of Representatives agriculture committee voted 38-6 on Wednesday to get rid of labels on packages of meat that say where the animals were born, raised and slaughtered — just two days after the World Trade Organization (WTO) ruled against parts of it. The bill goes beyond just the muscle cuts of red meat that were covered under the WTO case, however, also repealing such labelling for poultry, ground beef and ground pork. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Bloc needs a saviour to survive

POLITICS
Chantal Hébert

The Parti Québécois chose media tycoon Pierre-Karl Péladeau as its leader last Friday, based on the belief he would breathe new life into the flagging cause of sovereignty and do so quickly.

For the baby boomers who make up the backbone of the PQ, time to reach the coveted destination of independence is of the essence.

But unless the Bloc Québécois rises from the dead next October, the first Quebec vote to take place on PKP's watch will turn into yet another sovereigntist wake.

At this juncture, resurrecting the federal party is lining up to be a tall order.

The Bloc has not been in first place in voting intentions since its 2011 defeat at the hands of the NDP. Provincewide, it usually ranks third behind the Liberals and the NDP, just ahead of the Conservatives. Because the Conservatives' support is heavily concentrated in the larger Quebec City area, Stephen Harper's party is currently favoured to win more seats than the BQ next fall.

With only one MP running for re-election and in the absence of a leader in the House of Commons, the Bloc has on occasion gone for weeks since 2011 without rating more than a passing mention in the mainstream Quebec media.

Almost a year into the tenure of sovereigntist activist Mario Beaulieu, the latest Bloc leader remains unknown to many Quebec voters.

Most of them will see him in action for the first time on the podium of the French-language election debate(s) this year. His own election campaign, in a Montreal inner-city riding currently represented by the NDP, is expected to be an uphill battle.

The Bloc would need the political equivalent of divine intervention if it is to avoid being unceremoniously consigned to the dustbin of history next fall.

For many sovereignists, that divine intervention is expected to take the shape of an incoming PQ leader considered by more than a few of his followers to have the ability to walk on water.

If he could, Péladeau might be tempted to pass on a potentially programmed-to-fail rescue mission. He is a late convert to the merits of a sovereigntist presence on Parliament Hill.

Early in his leadership campaign, he voiced doubts as to the relevance of the Bloc, only to have to backtrack in the face of a nascent backlash within party ranks.

Now — and whether he likes it or not — the upcoming federal election is poised to be the first real-life test of his capacity to nurse sovereigntist fortunes back to health.

If only for the sake of the fractious movement he is trying to reunite behind him, Péladeau would be hard-pressed to sit out the federal campaign while the PQ's sister party fights for its life.

A fatal Bloc defeat would take wind out of Péladeau's sails, but sitting on his hands while the federal ship sinks could compound the damage.

PKP has, after all, promised to make the pursuit of sovereignty his overriding concern. As it happens, that has also been Beaulieu's mantra. He has now taken to quoting his new PQ partner at every opportunity.

The Bloc is the only sovereigntist option on the federal ballot. In theory, voting for the party should be a no-brainer for anyone partaking in a PKP-induced sovereigntist revival.

After all, when it comes to supporting sovereignty in the abstract, casting a ballot for the Bloc comes second only to telling a pollster that one would vote yes in the hypothetical event of another referendum.

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As of last weekend, according to Léger Marketing, the proportion of yes voters stood at 42 per cent and support for the PKP-led PQ at 34 per cent. If he has even a fraction of the power of attraction that his supporters believe, should not Péladeau's presence in the sovereignist window bring enough traffic to the Bloc to keep it in business?

Not that the PQ does not have a script ready for any federal outcome.

Over the past two decades it has always cast the Bloc's successes as great omens for sovereignty and its setbacks as meaningless ones for its cause. The reverse has tended to be true.

**Chantal Hébert** is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
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## To keep friendships, we need to embrace the complications

This is the Age of Friendship.

Perfect love has been outed as a lie, marriage is not obligatory, and sexual relationships can be as varied and short-lived as the weather.

Families have been scattered across the globe, replaced by the rise of the "chosen family," and Statistics Canada has reported that we're more likely to see friends over family in any given week.

The friend is the dominant relationship of our time, and we're gathering more of them. But don't expect this era to be any less fickle.

Yesterday, Statistics Canada revealed that the number of Canadians with three or more close friends rose to 75 per cent in 2013, versus 70 per cent in 2003. Among 25- to 34-year-olds, 70 per cent have more than 10 other friends or acquaintances, up from 58 per cent a decade before.

Yet no one tells you, when you start making all these friends, how frequently the relationships will change.

Growing up, I believed friends would be the safety blanket of adult life, the constant, forgiving companions. Lovers come and go, but friendship is forever, I was told.

But it's not always true. And we should be honest about it.

Yes, there are efforts to show the complexity of friendships (the new novel Friendship, the best-friend breakup movie Frances Ha and the TV show Girls) but they're hardly enough to dispel our assumptions of the cemented, enduring friendship.

And when I found myself one day realizing I was drifting from a friend I believed would love me forever, it was a shock.

When I have moved cities and left behind people I saw daily, I've worried that it's my fault if intimacy is lost. When close friends have fallen in love, when they've changed, or when I've changed, the friendship doesn't hold steady. It morphs. And sometimes it dies.

There's hardly ever a clean break, the "it's not you, it's me" conversation, which Natalie Kon-yu, co-editor of a collection of essays on female friendships called Just Between Us, has noted. Shame over the loss can linger. It's one thing for love to die, but who discards a friend?

Yet in 2009, Dutch researcher Gerald Mollenhorst found that we do change friends — about half of them every seven years.

If we want to keep the friends we have now, we'd better get real about how complicated those relationships can be. And if we should lose some of them, it shouldn't be a source of shame.

Life, and friendship, is just that messy.

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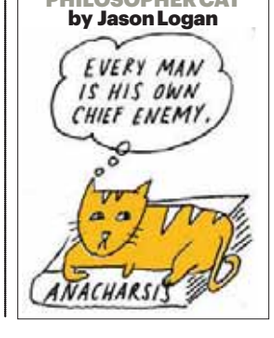

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SOLANGE'S INSTAGRAM/@STRECORDS

The new normal is there is no normal when it comes to weddings, says Toronto-based wedding planner Tracey Manailescu. Want to celebrate your second marriage in a cape on a bicycle like singer Solange Knowles? Go for it. Is a yellow dress and a canoe à la actress Amber Tamblyn more your style? Why not? Here's how to uniquely celebrate without going into debt till death do you part.

**Something borrowed**
Manailescu suggests renting your dress or buying a used one. The site RentfrockRepeat.com has a wide range of non-traditional options.

**Roses are red, violets are blue — and they will cost you**
Flowers are another area where couples are shocked by the blooming costs, says the wedding planner and trainer.

**Commit (to a budget)**
Guesstimate how much things will cost and then go ahead and assume it will cost 25 per cent more than that. Then stick to that number.

MELISSA DUNNE/METRO LIFE

# Vow to keep it simple

SLAPDASH AFFAIR

## How to save 20K+ and plan your wedding on the fly

**Melissa Dunne**
Metro | Life

"You bought your wedding dress online?!" exclaimed my seamstress.

"Yes," I murmured, suddenly turning the shade of a ripened tomato and rambling on about how it's a casual affair, we've been together almost a decade and it's a waste of money to spend a small fortune on something you'll wear once.

Later, The Fiancé and I went to a local florist. When she asked which colours I wanted I said: "I dunno… red?" She exclaimed: "Red? At a June wedding?!"

A pattern was emerging. Planning a wedding on a whim was causing members of the public to lose it. Both times these women literally shrieked their disapproval at my plans I thought to myself: "THIS is exactly why I've always wanted to elope."

The amount of furrowed brows and not-so-silent judging has been a surprise. On Instagram and Pinterest it looks like everyone is happily opting for floral crowns, coloured dresses, suspenders and polka-dot bow-ties while everyone beams with delight at their whimsical choices. But in real life, there is still significant shade thrown at couples eschewing the traditional princess dress and tux.

Causing complete strangers' consternation wasn't the main reason it took so long for my cold feet to warm up to the idea of putting a ring on it. It was mainly the reported cost of those rings and the dress and the banquet hall etc., etc., etc.

Love don't cost a thing, but weddings sure do.

According to Weddingbells' annual reader survey, the expected cost of a wedding in Canada in 2014 was $31,685. Not to humblebrag, but we planned our wedding in five days and the whole thing will cost about $5,000. The Fiancé and I actually thought it'd be more like $3,500, but have found that the little things (like dress alterations and flowers) quickly add up.

One of the ways we are keeping the costs so low is by keeping the guest list to about 30 family and friends. With the average number of guests at 128, according to the survey, I now see how the numbers quickly balloon. But, still, the average couple couldn't really be spending the equivalent to a down payment on tying the knot? Could they?

Yes, they could.

The co-founder and vice-president of The Wedding Planners Institute of Canada says based on her experience, couples really are spending $30,000+ on nuptials. In fact, many of her clients spend more than that.

"It's usually about $27,000," says Tracey Manailescu, who trains the next generation of wedding planners and has been helping couples plan their trips down the aisle for more than fifteen years.

Oh, and the $27,000 is just for the vendors and food. Everything else, like the dress and honeymoon would be on top of that figure, she clarifies. Ouch.

> **There is still significant shade thrown at couples eschewing the traditional princess dress and tux.**

After hearing those numbers I'm happy we committed to planning what a friend dubbed a "slapdash" wedding. But, is deciding to wed with less than two months' notice rude to our guests?

**The rules when there are no rules**

Manners maven Karen Cleveland also had a slapdash wedding by today's standards and assures me a last-minute event is just fine.

"My husband and I pulled ours together in four months," says the etiquette adviser at MannersAreSexy.com. "There's no right or wrong way to do things."

I sheepishly tell her we sent an e-vite to save money and time.

She says it's A-OK to send a digital invitation in the Digital Age.

Mentioning the registry, or lack thereof in our case, on the other hand …

The Fiancé insisted it was rude to mention the topic of registries or money at all, while I insisted we spell it out for guests in the e-vite, arguing it's ruder to force people to ask us directly.

Cleveland says The Fiancé was right and I was wrong (I'm turning red all over again!) The polite thing to do is not to mention money or gifts at all. Wait until people ask, she advises.

Cleveland adds couples should not expect guests to "pay their way."

Guests are just that — focus on giving them a good time, not on what they might give you, she advises. I couldn't agree more.

**OK, there is one rule**

While the manners expert is surprisingly open-minded when it comes to weddings she does have one iron-clad rule. Write handwritten thank-you notes to every guest.

"No email thank-yous," she says sternly.

With just over four weeks to go until I say "I do," I'm sure I'll get scolded for breaking a few more unspoken rules along the way. For the record: I'm going with a mix of daisies and white roses — not a red flower in sight.

Turns out picking flowers and dresses is not that different than picking out one person to spend the rest of your life with (eek). At some point you just have to trust your gut, close your eyes and take the plunge — trusting it will all work out in the end.

Or, you could just elope.

**What last-minute weddings lack for in money and time can be make up with creativity.** ISTOCK

# When his ambition overshadows hers

Giving Up is a case study on the resentments that develop in a one-sided relationship. ISTOCK

DEBUT NOVEL

## Author Mike Steeves puts the spotlight on failure in Giving Up

**Amber Shortt**
Metro | Life

Mike Steeves had spent eight years working on a novel when he received some advice from a writerly friend: Give it up.

"I had been writing since I was quite young and hadn't managed to accomplish anything to the degree that I kind of hoped," says the Steeves, 36, who lives in Montreal with his wife.

Steeves followed the friend's advice, and instead began to explore his feelings of failure surrounding the project — and the impact such an endeavour has on a relationship.

The result is Giving Up, his debut novel released last week — a he-said-she-said story following James and Mary, a youngish, middle-class couple living in an apartment in a never described city.

James is obsessed with finishing his "life's work," while Mary is consumed with James and their troubled efforts to start a family.

The story unfolds over a few hours as two seemingly ordinary events (a trip to the bank and a run-in with a stray cat) force them to confront each other and how their lives and relationship haven't lived up to expectations.

"I think the generation I belong to has been set up to expect perhaps more than is reasonable," says Steeves, pointing to a capitalist economy that constantly bombards us with reminders of what we don't have.

Social media doesn't help. James and Mary both struggle with comparisons to their peers, but for Mary those anxieties are amplified by Facebook. Seeing pictures of her friends makes her feel envy and shame, telling us, "even though I know it doesn't make any sense I feel like they've abandoned me."

The reader feels the anxiety as the novel is told with extreme attention to detail — and no paragraph breaks — through the couple's inner thoughts. It's structured in three parts, first from the perspective of James, then Mary, then interweaving between James and Mary.

It's an oftentimes funny, heartbreaking and infuriating case study of the resentments that develop when one person's ambition take up most of the room in a relationship — and book, as James gets at least a third more headspace than Mary.

"This was pointed out to me by my wife after she read the manuscript," he says. "She said it's pretty clear the book is more about James than it is about the two of them."

But it's through this imbalance that the novel explores themes of the subtle misogyny that often still exist in a modern, heterosexual relationship.

Mary at one point comments with annoyance how James thinks, "he is actually explaining my own thoughts to me so that I can understand them more fully."

And James ruminates over what he once saw as Mary's dedication to his life's work ("there was never a question that everything she did upstairs was in service to the work he is doing below").

"What it comes down to is James, and what he wants is very much rooted in a fiercely personal ambition. And you know, you could probably use another word to describe that, which is narcissism," Steeves says.

In contrast, Mary "needs other people to accomplish what she hopes to accomplish and so she's necessarily reliant upon her husband in a way that he doesn't believe he's reliant on her — the emphasis being on *believe*."

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# Paltrow will now let them eat cake

Let it be known that Gwyneth Paltrow has relaxed her attitudes about exactly what her two kids are allowed to ingest, finally ending the embargo on "bad" foods, she tells Women's Health.

"My food philosophy is nothing should be ruled out," she tells the magazine. "I don't believe in saying, 'You're not allowed that.' If my kids want a Shirley Temple with the radioactive cherry in it, go for it, you know?"

So she's gone from outright banning foods she deems inappropriate to laying on some next-level laissez-faire parental guilt-tripping? High marks, ma'am.

Oh, and if you're interested in getting that Goop-endorsed glow that Paltrow rocks on the magazine's cover? It's actually really simple. She says she just believes in "exercise, laughing, having sex, being yourself." So if you're not getting the results you want, clearly you're doing one of those wrong. NED EHRBAR/ METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

**Gwyneth Paltrow** GETTY IMAGES

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**At TIFF last year, Melissa McCarthy reminded a particularly nasty critic that when he criticizes her appearance, he is chipping away at the self esteem of little girls everywhere.** GETTY IMAGES

# McCarthy calls out nasty critic

GENDER ISSUES

## Comedian shames man who slammed her looks

**Ned Ehrbar**
Metro | Hollywood

So that time last year when Melissa McCarthy confronted a critic who had trashed her appearance in Tammy and criticized her looks? Apparently, she decided not to sink to his level.

"I met him at the Toronto Film Festival, and he actually said, 'I'm the one that wrote this.'

"He came up to me, and I was surprised that he talked to me," she tells Ellen DeGeneres.

"When I said, 'If (your daughter) comes home and someone says you can't have a job because you're unattractive,' are you gonna say, 'That's right'? And he took that in his heart and he was like, 'No, I would never want that to happen. I would never in a million years want that to happen.'

"And I said, 'Just know that every time you write stuff, every young girl in this country reads that and they just get a little bit chipped away.' I just think that we tear down women ... for all these superficial reasons, and women are so great and strong, and I think he really heard that."

## GOSSIP NOTES

**Vancouverite the new Bachelorette**

Canadian fans of The Bachelorette will have a hometown hero to root for on the reality TV show this season.

Vancouverite Kaitlyn Bristowe, originally from Leduc, Alta., will get her pick of two-dozen eligible bachelors that will vie for her heart (or their 15 minutes of fame) as cameras follow their every move.

In a twist that made for awkward television, the guys got to vote whether they wanted to date Kaitlyn, a 29-year-old dance instructor, or Britt Nilsson, a 28-year-old waitress from L.A.

Ultimately the men preferred Kaitlyn to Britt, who went home in tears. Kaitlyn proceeded to get to know the guys — she seemed smitten with Shawn, who kind of looks like fellow Canadian Ryan Gosling — and sent five of them packing. EMILY JACKSON/ METRO

**Olsen twins moving into the Fuller House after all**

So remember all that talk about how Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen had no interest in doing Fuller House and that was fine because their former co-stars didn't want them around anyway? Yeah, about that. A source tells Life & Style that the twins have had a change of heart and are signing on to reprise their shared role as Michelle Tanner for the Netflix reboot. NED EHRBAR/ METRO

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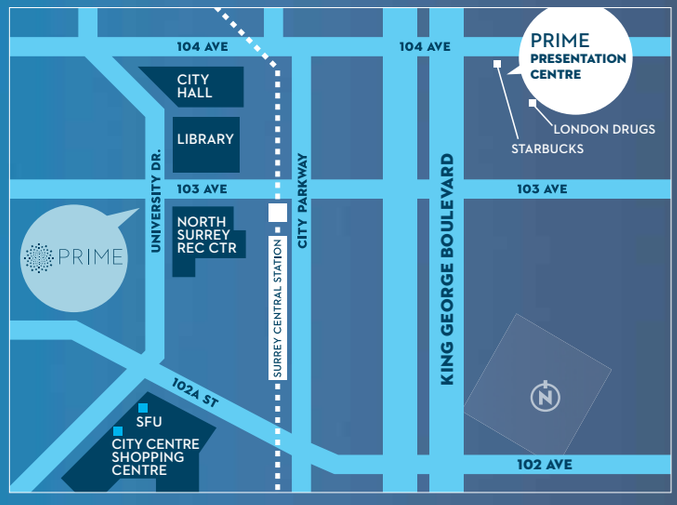


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**$759,000**

## Toronto

This single-floor downtown unit has views of Lake Ontario from all rooms. There are two terraces, bamboo floors, a stainless-steel built-in dishwasher and fridge, a Ceran glass-ceramic range, microwave and stackable washer and dryer. The unit includes two tandem underground parking spots and a shed. Listing agent Alex J. Wilson is with RE/MAX Condos Plus, 416-996-5181.

**$174,800**

## Ottawa

Here's a two-bedroom upper townhouse close to amenities that has a spacious living-dining room with laminate floors. There's also a galley-style kitchen, plenty of cabinets, quartz counters, glass-tile backsplash, tile floors, and a decent-sized master bedroom with a walk-in closet. Listing agent Geoff McGowan is a sales representative with RE/MAX Affiliates Realty, 613-216-1755.

**$309,900**

## Calgary

This two-bedroom, two-storey, south-facing unit is within walking distance of the university, transit and shopping. It features a spacious living room with wood-burning fireplace, a laundry-storage room, kitchen and dining area. The master bedroom is bright and spacious and opens to a second balcony. Also upstairs is a four-piece bathroom, and extra storage closet. Tim Lind is a sales representative with RE/MAX Real Estate (Mountain View), 403-247-5171.

OUR CITY

**$493,700**

## Vancouver

This two-bedroom townhouse at 1073 Lynn Valley Rd. sold at press time after receiving multiple offers. The development of condo row townhouses in the River Rock area features a ground floor unit with two- and three-storey upper units. This unit has a massive rooftop deck. The living room features a window bench, a cosy gas fireplace, new laminate hardwood along with custom millwork, built-in shelves and storage cabinets. Upstairs you will find two bedrooms with more custom built-in cabinets and shelves, and a walk-in closet. The unit has secure underground parking. Listing agent Stephanie Orr can be reached at Royal LePage Sussex, 604-984-9711.

**$250,000**

## Edmonton

Here's a hard-to-find top-floor loft condo in Railtown in downtown Edmonton with two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Built by Christenson Developments, the Townhome Estates at Railtown is the area's premiere address. With Victorian architectural styling, this gated property has unexpected privacy while backing onto green space and walking trails. Bright and spacious, residence No. 11 has vaulted two-storey ceilings and a loft space upstairs that's perfect for a home office. It's located minutes away from shopping, top-rated restaurants, and services, and includes a two-car garage. Nathan Mol is a sales representative with Liv Real Estate, 780-722-0086.

# Goodbye beige, and hello colour

HOW TO

## Artwork, accessories introduce colour to space

**Matthew Lee**
Metro in New York

**FAR LEFT: Abstract art is juxtaposed against a traditional bed.**

**LEFT: Pattern and design serve as the platform for colour.**

**BELOW: Medium to dark blue colours with a green cast to them stand out in this keeping room.**
RINNE ALLEN

Winter is but a distant memory and everything from tulips in parks to the people strolling in them seem to be blooming with colour.

Perhaps in the midst of your spring cleaning you've realized that your home seems to be the last thing to blossom. Where's the colour? Where's the excitement and personality?

We hit up Susan Hable, cofounder of textile brand Hable Construction and author of the new book A Colorful Home to find out how to add some personality to our neutral homes.

**How can city dwellers revamp their drab apartments?**
I had a couple of those kinds of apartments and most of the time they were tiny so I always bought art. Art is a great way to bring in colour, and so are accessories in general. Decorative pillows or books really change how a room feels.

**What do you say to people terrified of colour?**
I would say go to an art store and buy some blank canvases and pick a colour that you love, and just hang a pair of coloured canvases in your living room. Then maybe add a book or some accent that reflects that colour in the room. (Next) get three things in your room that just speak to that colour.

**What is the most difficult colour?**
I have a hard time working with red. I feel like it causes people's blood pressure to go up. It's an active colour to be engulfed in. If you're a real risk taker, red might be right for you. I consider myself a very colourful person, but I've rarely ever used red.

**Where do you start?**
I always say that you need your floor covering first. When we moved into my house I barely had any furniture because we had lived in a two-bedroom apartment in New York. We couldn't go and furnish our whole house. We didn't have the budget to go out and buy a whole lot of things all at once. Which is better because it's almost like collecting, and then your home winds up looking like what you're trying to say.

# Old-school gardening requires faith

DIY

## There are lots of benefits to planting from seeds

**Pea plant seedlings on display in New Paltz, N.Y.**
LEE REICH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More and more people who garden these days put plants rather than seeds into the ground.

In the old days, the arrival of warm weather would have us all dropping bean, beet, marigold and zinnia seeds into moist soil, then eagerly waiting for those first green sprouts.

Go into any garden centre these days, though, and you can buy "cell packs" of robust bean, beet, marigold and zinnia plants. And these are what many folks are planting.

Buying transplants does, of course, give you a jump on the season. You'll taste your first beans and smell your first marigolds sooner if you set out plants that were jump started in a greenhouse.

And many annuals — tomatoes, peppers, impatiens and pansies, to name a few — must have growth well underway in spring if they are going to put on a reasonable performance in summer.

But a lot of plants — including nasturtiums, bachelor buttons, corn and peas — don't really need that jump start.

The main reason fewer people plant seeds these days is, perhaps, more serious: a lack of faith.

People have trouble believing that dry, apparently lifeless specks the size of a comma or this letter "o" will grow into fat, juicy carrot roots or 6-foot-high hollyhock towers.

Once you have the faith and plant seeds, however, you reap practical benefits.

Most obviously, seeds are cheap. For the same price as a single delphinium plant, you could buy enough seeds to create a garden full of delphiniums. Most flowers look better planted in abundance anyway.

With some vegetables, it's just not practical to grow transplants. Beans, for instance: At the recommended spacing of 2 inches apart, a modest, 10-foot row of beans would require about 60 plants, which is hardly a packet of bean seeds. So a cell pack of six bean plants, even a few cell packs, won't put many beans on your plate.

Another plus for planting seeds is the much greater selection offered.

Rather than planting Tendercrop, the one bean variety you might find as transplants, you could plant seeds of Blue Lake or Kentucky Wonder or any one of a number of other, better varieties available from the same establishment that sells you the transplants.
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### BELIEF IN SEEDS

**Long history stands seeds in good stead**
Gardening is more wondrous when you see a seed sprout, but how do you get the faith that plants will grow from seed? Realize, first of all, that more than 3 million years of evolution — the amount of time seed plants have been around — have been geared to making seeds better and better at sprouting. If that doesn't convince you, then just plant extra seeds wherever you want plants. Seeds are cheap, and you can remove excess plants once they're all up and growing. Success is further assured by starting with good seeds, planting them in soil that is moist and well aerated, and timing your plantings accordingly. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Textiles conjure up mid-century

DECORATING

## Fabrics evoke Mad Man era, and cost less than furniture

Have you discovered mid-century-modern style and gone hunting for a great piece of furniture from the era?

Vintage pieces are pricey, and even well-made reproductions can challenge the bank account. So why not delve into the era through textiles?

Whether you're intrigued by the idea of collecting original pieces, or just want to jazz up a pillow or a window with a great reproduction pattern, there's lots of material out there.

For Judith Gura, director of the design history program at New York School of Interior Design, the appeal of these textiles is their exuberance.

"They tend to be lively patterns, with fresh and often bright colours," she says. "And in addition to looking right on mid-century furniture, they're a fresh look for traditional pieces, as well."

She cautions those hunting for antique pieces: "The problem in looking for vintage textiles is that it's difficult to find enough yardage to do much with them .... Genuine old material might be enough for a pillow or two, but something 50 to 60 years old might not stand up well for drapery or upholstery. Framed as wall art, they're fine."

**Where to look**

A sampling of places to find vintage and modern versions:

Maharam carries upholstery patterns by American designers like Charles and Ray Eames, George Nelson and Alexander Girard (www.maharam.com).

Furniture giant Knoll has reintroduced several patterns from the '50s, '60s and early '70s for its Archival Design drapery fabric collection. (www.knoll.com )

DwellStudio has teamed with Robert Allen on a collection of mid-century designs in both cotton and Sunbrella, a weather-resistant fabric. Check out Carrington, Jacinto, Nordic Stripe and Futura — all have a graphic, mid-mod vibe and come in a range of era-centric colours. (www.dwellstudio.com )

At www.spoonflower.com, you'll find some contemporary designers' interpretations of vintage patterns.

Julie Lynch offers a graphic version of a vine print with her Mod Foliage; a Chair Pod from artist Alex Morgan is a kicky repeat of a 1970s-esque lounge chair in hot orange, black and grey; Christine Legeret turns a fashion silhouette into an atomic-age print she calls Midcentury Dress Cocktail, in yellow with aqua accents. All the prints come in an array of fabrics.

Check out www.modernfabrics.com as well for textiles from Kravet, Knoll and Luna Textiles, particularly in solids and nubby textures.

They're well-priced, but yardage may be limited, so check in regularly.

**What to look for**

"I always look for identifications along the selvedge (edge) of the fabric, with the name of the designer, fabric and company," says Paul Macovsky, editorial director of Metropolis magazine. He is working on a book about American mid-century-modern screen-printed fabrics. "There are some fabrics by mid-century Scandinavian and British designers that are back in production, so you have to do a little bit of research to find out if they are vintage or reproductions."

Leslie Jackson's 20th Century Pattern Design (Princeton Architectural Press, 2011) can help you learn about patterned fabrics and wall coverings. New York's Cooper Hewitt and Metropolitan Museum, Washington's Smithsonian Design Museum and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, among others, have strong collections of 20th-century textiles.

Many institutions have been digitally photographing their vintage pieces, so you can peruse the collections online, perhaps in a room that may soon feature a pillow or upholstery graced with one of these interesting prints. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Christine Legeret designed the print for Midcentury Dress Cocktail (far left).**

**Chair Pod by Alex Morgan pops with pink, black and orange.**

**Designer Julie Lynch's Mod Foliage.**

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## 3 Bruno Moinard

The man responsible for Cartier's stores and the upcoming Qatari Galeries Lafayette is collaborating with **Chevalier**, specialists in contemporary rugs. He presented New Orleans, five coloured rugs with crosshatched patterns.

## 4 Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec

The brothers presented their Officina collection, created in collaboration with the Italian design house **Magis**. For this project, the natives of Brittany opted to work with forged metal to create tables and chairs. The material, for the duo, creates objects whose imperfect appearance resembles that of the design. Ronan Bouroullec adds that, "This is a hybrid project in that we use a pretty artisanal technique to create a rather industrial project."

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Stephen Curry was fined $5,000 for his flop in the Warriors' Game 1, West final win over the Rockets

# Canucks' affiliate in AHL finals

CALDER CUP

## Grenier scores winner in Game 7 for Utica Comets

Cam Tucker
Metro | Vancouver

The Vancouver Canucks have been out of the playoffs for a while, but their American Hockey League affiliate in Utica has advanced to the conference championships.

The Comets got a goal from Alexandre Grenier just before the midway point of the third period and 35 saves from goalie Jacob Markstrom to defeat the Oklahoma City Barons 1-0 in Game 7 of their Calder Cup second-round series on Wednesday.

Selected in the third round of the 2011 NHL Draft, Grenier has made big strides in his development down on the farm, especially this season, according to head coach Travis Green in previous interviews.

Grenier possesses the easily noticeable tools — he's six-foot-five and more than 200 pounds, with skill to go along with his imposing size.

The Comets' coaching staff has worked with him to try and turn him into a power forward, figuring out how to best use that size to his advantage.

With his goal on Wednesday, Grenier took over the Comets' team lead in post-season goals (four) and points (10). Markstrom recorded his first shutout of these playoffs.

The Comets, whose lineup in Game 7 featured four of Vancouver's recent first-round picks, including Brendan Gaunce, Hunter Shinkaruk, Nicklas Jensen and Jake Virtanen, will now move on to play the Grand Rapids Griffins in the Western Conference final. That series begins Sunday in Utica.

### CHL

Just a few days after helping the Oshawa Generals advance to the Memorial Cup, Cole Cassels received CHL Player of the Week honours on Wednesday.

Last Friday, Cassels and the Generals defeated the Erie Otters in the OHL championship, taking the series in five games and holding phenom Connor McDavid to just over a point-per-game.

Steven Stamkos scored a first-period goal in the Lightning's win over the Rangers on Wednesday in Tampa. MIKE CARLSON/GETTY IMAGES

NHL PLAYOFFS

# Kucherov wins thriller for Tampa in OT

GAME 3 In Tampa, Fla.

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| | NEW YORK RANGERS |

Nikita Kucherov scored 3:33 into overtime to give the Tampa Bay Lightning a 6-5 victory over the New York Rangers on Wednesday in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals.

Ondrej Palat had two goals and an assist, and Tyler Johnson, Steven Stamkos and Alex Killorn each had one goal and an assist for the Lightning. They took a 2-1 lead in the best-of-7 series that continues Friday night at Amalie Arena.

The winner came about a minute after New York goalie Henrik Lundqvist made a terrific stop on J.T. Brown's breakaway.

New York tied it at 5 on Dan Boyle's rebound with 1:56 left in regulation. Jesper Fast scored twice, and the Rangers also got power-play goals from Derick Brassard and Ryan McDonagh.

Johnson scored his playoff-leading 12th goal after Tampa Bay overcame an early 2-0 deficit. The Rangers also came back after trailing 4-2, with Fast scoring his second goal late in the second period and McDonagh converting a power-play opportunity early in the third.

After splitting the first two games in New York, Rangers' Brassard scored on the first shot of the game, sending the puck over Bishop's shoulder from the left circle. Fast made it 2-0 with a nifty backhand before Chris Kreider barrelled in alone on Bishop to score his second goal of the playoffs and give the Rangers the type of start they felt they needed to reassert themselves.

But Tampa Bay would not be denied. Stamkos began the comeback with his fifth goal of the playoffs. Lundqvist cleared a bouncing puck with his stick directly to the high-scoring Stamkos, who had 43 goals during the regular season and is a two-time Maurice Richard Trophy winner. Johnson assisted on Palat's goal to make it 2-2, and the linemate returned the favour with a perfect pass through the middle to Johnson, camped to Lundqvist's right for an easy tap in that put the Lightning up 3-2.

Killorn increased the lead to 4-2 for all of 29 seconds. Fast's second goal of the night trimmed New York's deficit to one goal at 17:47, setting the stage for an entertaining third period.

McDonagh's power-play goal made it 4-4 less than 3 minutes into the period. Palat's second goal of the night put the Lightning back in front until New York pulled even again on Boyle's late goal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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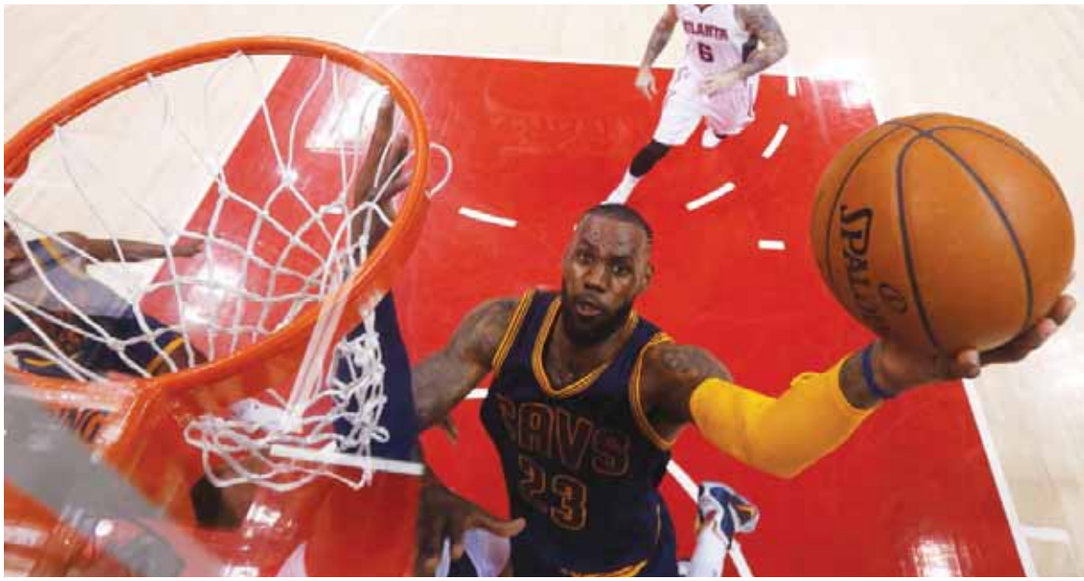

**LeBron James scored 31 points against the Hawks on Wednesday night in Atlanta.** JOHN BAZEMORE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Cavs take charge

NBA PLAYOFFS

## James, Smith combine for 59 points in series opener

GAME 1 In Atlanta

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LeBron James scored 31 points, while J.R. Smith made eight three-pointers and added 28 to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers past the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks 97-89 in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference final Wednesday night.

Intent on bringing Cleveland its first NBA title, James sealed the victory with a soaring dunk in the final minute. But Smith was the one who ignited the Cavaliers, going 8-for-12 from three-point range.

For the Hawks, it was the second straight series in which they've lost the opening game at home. Cleveland will look to take command of the series in Game 2 Friday night.

Jeff Teague led Atlanta with 27 points. But the night really turned sour for the Hawks when DeMarre Carroll, their leading scorer in the playoffs, went down with what appeared to be a left knee injury driving to the basket with 4:59 remaining. He was helped to the locker-room, not putting any weight on his knee.

The Cavaliers took control when Smith knocked down back-to-back threes in the third quarter. After the second one, he turned toward the Atlanta fans and blew off his right index finger and motioned toward his side, like he was holstering his pistol.

Yep, he was that hot.

Cleveland outscored the Hawks 22-4 over the final five minutes of the third quarter and the first two minutes of the fourth. In fact, the Cavs scored the first 11 points of the final period for their biggest lead, 85-67. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIGURE SKATING

# Chan headlines new Richmond school

A local businessman hopes a new private club in Richmond that will feature the Patrick Chan Elite Figure Skating School will attract as many as 1,000 figure skaters from all different age ranges.

Dennis Drummond, project developer for the Drummond Club, a roughly 200,000 square-foot facility that is set to undergo a new phase in construction beginning in June and projected to be similar to facilities like Hollyburn Country Club in West Vancouver, said Wednesday a partnership with Chan, a 2014 Olympic silver medalist for Canada, came together less than two weeks ago.

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**Chan is a three-time world champion (2011, 12, 13)**

Chan's official title with the school is advisory director of skating operations.

"He'll be out here on a periodic schedule to do seminars and also training to the people in the skating program here. He'll actually be on the ice," said Drummond.

"We're quite honoured to have this opportunity."

Chan and Drummond were among a handful of dignitaries slated to be part of the announcement for the new facility and figure skating school at a press conference in Richmond on Wednesday. CAM TUCKER/METRO

NHL

# Maple Leafs lure Babcock with $50M

Brendan Shanahan and the Toronto Maple Leafs swung for the fences and landed the biggest free agent of the NHL off-season.

It's not a franchise cornerstone defenceman or a No. 1 centre but highly sought-after coach Mike Babcock, who had his pick of jobs and chose the Leafs on an eight-year contract worth $50 million.

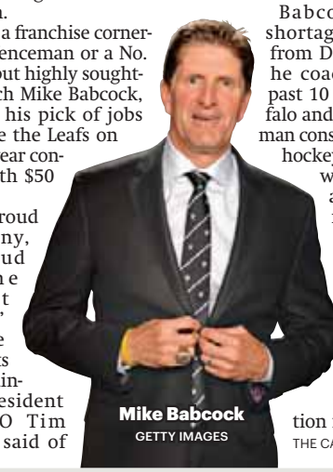
"I'm proud of Shanny, I'm proud that he dreamt big," Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment president and CEO Tim Leiweke said of the team's president.

"He got the big whale."

It took a bidding war, and the Leafs won it.

Babcock had no shortage of suitors, from Detroit, where he coached for the past 10 years, to Buffalo and San Jose. The man considered the top hockey coach in the world now has a deal that makes him the highest-paid coach in the league.

Toronto will send a third-round pick to the Red Wings as compensation for Babcock. THE CANADIAN PRESS



**Mike Babcock** GETTY IMAGES

## IN BRIEF

**Hamburglar nabs new deal with Senators**

The Ottawa Senators have signed goaltender Andrew Hammond to a $4.05-million US, three-year contract. The "Hamburglar" will count $1.35 million against Ottawa's salary cap over the length of the deal.

The "Hamburglar" made his first NHL start at the age of 27 in February, then went 20-1-2 with a 1.79 goals-against average and .941 save percentage to lead the Senators on an improbable run to the playoffs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Argos sale made official**

After months of uncertainty, the future of the Toronto Argonauts is starting to look brighter.

Bell and MLSE chairman Larry Tanenbaum officially announced Wednesday that they have purchased the CFL team and will relocate it to BMO Field.

The Argos currently play at Rogers Centre, home of the Toronto Blue Jays. Their lease at the domed stadium runs through the 2017 season, but can be terminated earlier. THE CANADIAN PRESS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# RECIPE Sliced Steak with Pineapple Salsa

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A quick & delicious barbequed dinner with a fresh sweet salsa

**Ready in**
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

**Ingredients**
- 1½ lb lean grilling steak, such as New York strip or top sirloin
- 4 (1" thick) slices of fresh pineapple
- 1 green jalapeno sliced lengthwise in half, seeds and ribs removed
- 1/3 cup diced red onion
- 3 Tbsp chopped cilantro
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- Salt

**Directions**

**1.** In a large grill pan or barbeque, cook steak until desired doneness. For medium rare, cook until temperature reaches 135 F. Let sit for 10 minutes.

**2.** Meanwhile, grill pineapple and jalapeno pepper for about five minutes, just until grill marks appear on both sides.

**3.** Dice pineapple and jalapeno and add to bowl. Add remaining ingredients. Slice steak thinly, fan out on platter and top with salsa.

**Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 4)**
- Calories 300
- Protein 37 g
- Carbohydrates 55 g
- Fibre 1 g
- Total fat 13 g

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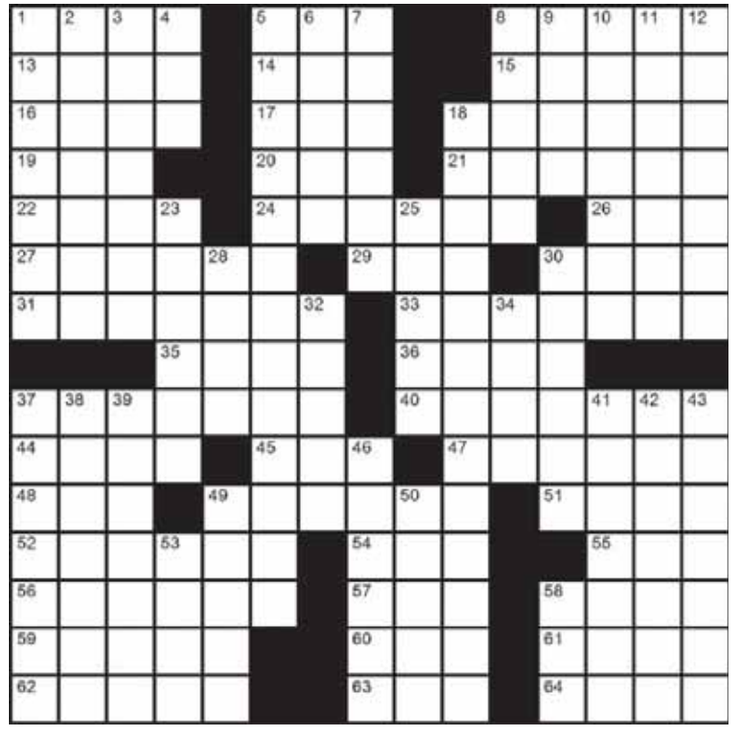
# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



**ACROSS**
1. Boarding locale at the airport
5. Soldiers see action in it
8. Farm figure's filling
13. Wild goat
14. Charlemagne's li'l domain
15. 8th Greek letter
16. Small estuaries
17. NHL Oilers, on scoreboards
18. __ Creek, Yukon (The most westerly community in Canada)
19. Actor's rep
20. Rapa __ (Easter Island)
21. Narrated again
22. Food assortment
24. Woodstock farmer, Max (b.1919 - d.1973)
26. Grow a Pinocchio nose
27. Debacle
29. NBA's Kings, on scoreboards
30. At any point
31. State of blessed happiness
33. Pre-Target-in-Canada stores
35. Prefix to 'culture'
36. Mr. Zatopek of Olympic track
37. Pope Francis' jurisdiction: 2 wds.
40. Newfoundland rum
44. Whizzes
45. Health supplements store
47. Kylie Minogue's sister
48. Gathered
49. Pristina's locale
51. Bilko, et al.
52. Damsel
54. Clamour
55. Commuter service, e.g.
56. Main course
57. Ms. Lupino
58. "Farewell!"
59. The constellation Orion's shiniest star
60. First word in Inferno by Dante
61. Stars sci.
62. Bulk-carrying barges
63. The Panthe-on member
64. Curds and __

**DOWN**
1. Animal on classic Canadian kids show "The Friendly Giant"
2. Ms. Breslin of movies
3. Item for serving beverages to have with cucumber sandwiches: 2 wds.
4. "All My __ Live in Texas" by George Strait
5. Bryan Adams' duet with Melanie C: 3 wds.
6. Per __ ad astra (Through adversity to the stars)
7. Inattentive
8. Ranch animal
9. "__ '70s Show"
10. Orbit
11. Designer's studio
12. Tower of London guards, Yeomen __
18. "Hard Core Logo" (1996) director born in Kingston, ON: 2 wds.
23. Written works
25. Fixed stares
28. Slangy-style smokes
30. "Grey's Anatomy" star Ms. Pompeo's
32. Demeanors
34. Former currency in Italy
37. The Road __ (Canadian country band)
38. __ Flight 815, as per "Lost"
39. Oscar-winning "Frozen" (2013) song: 3 wds.
41. Vancouver's __ Bay
42. Sodium __ (Food additive)
43. Explorers, Confederation, The Last Spike, etc. = Canadian __
46. Programmer's skill
49. Stability providers for boats
50. VOD = __ On Demand
53. Ms. Barrymore
58. Crow's cry

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20
Get out and about as much as you can over the next few days. Your bubbly personality will attract people to you and doors will open just when you need them to open.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21
It might be a good idea not to make any money-related decisions for the time being. The Sun's move into the financial area of your chart will show you ways to boost your income but don't go at it too quickly .

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21
A new solar year begins for you today and you must start it in the right frame of mind. All the bad things that happened in recent months are no longer of any concern. Only the good things that are going to happen matter now.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23
Don't do things for other people that they really should be doing for themselves. As the Sun moves into the most sensitive area of your chart today someone may try to make you feel guilty so they can take advantage of you. Don't let them.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23
You will see results today, tomorrow and over the weekend for something you started earlier in the year and that's good because you were thinking of giving up. Stick it out. The tide is about to turn.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Try not to think of everything that happens in terms of win or lose. With the Sun crossing the career angle of your chart today you are sure to be more competitive than usual.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There were times of late when you did not have the first idea what was going on but now the Sun is moving in your favour again you will see with the utmost clarity — and what you see will most likely delight you.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You don't have to be nice to people just because you think it is expected of you. If you don't want to associate with certain individuals, for whatever reason, that is your right — use it or lose it.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Go out of your way to be nice to partners, loved ones and colleagues today because you will be depending on them a lot over the next few weeks. Do what you can to make life easier for them and you will get plenty in return.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may have to make some minor adjustments to your working routine over the next few days but that's okay. The more you change now the less you will have to change later.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The negative frame of mind you have been labouring under in recent weeks will disappear either today or tomorrow and everything will be light again. Well, almost. You will still have to deal with a few annoying people.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20
The Sun's move into the domestic area of your chart today means you need to devote more time to your family. Whatever your duties in other directions your main responsibility now is to those who depend on you the most.

## CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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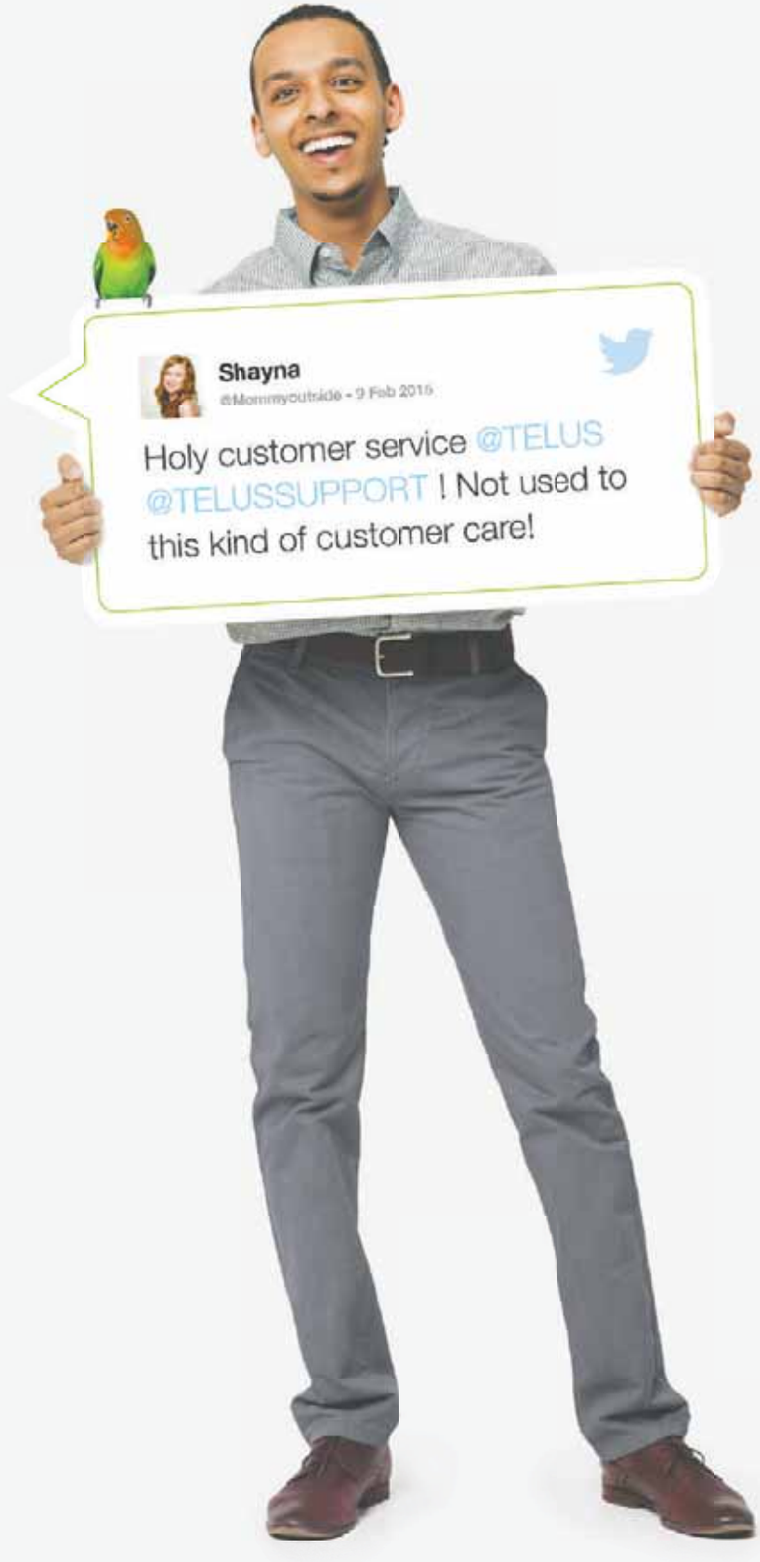


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